Email from David Shaff to City leaders – March 17, 2015

Mayor Hales, Commissioners Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, Auditor Hull-Caballero, and Fellow Bureau Directors,

I recently let Commissioner Fish know that I intend to retire effective June 30, 2015, my 37th anniversary as an employee of the City of Portland and my 10th anniversary as the Administrator of the Portland Water Bureau.

Commissioner Fish has asked me if I will stay on beyond June 30th if necessary while he and his staff conduct a search for a new director and I have said that I would.

I cannot describe how proud I am to have worked for the Portland Water Bureau these last ten years. My entire career at the City of Portland has been incredibly fulfilling and rewarding, but these last ten years have been the most special.

I have enjoyed my collaboration with each of you over the past ten years and am confident the City of Portland is in good hands. While there have been some bumps and frustrations along the way, I can easily say that I regard my time here as challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling. However, it's time to move on and look for new challenges, rewards and fulfillment.

June 30th is a ways away yet, but I suspect the time will fly. I will do my best to keep you informed about next steps, and hope to be able to connect with many of you in person between now and then.

David G. Shaff, Administrator Portland Water Bureau